Student Government Association Newsletter

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CORE VALUE OF THE MONTH:

Leadership

Looking for Leadership? It's Always In the Place You Least Expect.

By Michele Murray, Director, Leadership & New Student Programs

You know that saying you use when you're looking for something and you just can't seem to find it: "It's always in the last place you look"? I've always thought that was an odd saying. Of course the thing, whatever it is, is in the last place you look; once you find it, you don't look for it anywhere else. When you're looking for something, perhaps a better saying is, "you'll find it where you least expect." The best thing about the place- you-least-expect is that it's always a surprise.

You find some of life's most elusive items in that place. This is especially true for leadership. People look for leadership in all sorts of areas—politicians, teachers, parents, and even the brightest stars of Hollywood, MTV, and the NBA. Sometimes we find leadership in these positions, sometimes we don't, and sometimes we would be better off if we never looked in the first place. The catch is this: those who look for leadership will have a difficult time finding it. Why? Because leadership is one of those qualities that is always in the place you least expect.

It may be unexpected, but it's true: the best place to find leadership is within yourself. Each of us is called to leadership. Each of us is called to live by strong values and principles. We are called to alleviate suffering, and we are called to challenge ourselves to grow. This is what leadership is. Leaders inspire others by their actions, thoughts, and words; and leaders allow others to inspire them. Sometimes leaders are loud and noisy, often they are quiet and unassuming, but good leaders always leave the world better than they found it. No wonder people who look for leadership outside of themselves are hard pressed to find it—leadership begins at home.

At Loyola College, students are challenged to "learn, lead, and serve in a diverse and changing world." Let this challenge speak to your heart, and find the leader within yourself. That may be the place you least expect to find leadership, but I assure you, it is there.

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Bookswap Is Back and Will Be Premiering December1!

By: Katie Vannucci, Director of Student Affairs and Peter Zebrowski, Director of Technology

The SGA sponsored Bookswap program enables students to buy and sell used books and textbooks directly. As the semester comes to a close, we oftentimes find roommates or friends who are taking a class next semester that we just took, and sell them our books. Doing this we will make a little bit more money than the traditional way of selling it to the bookstore, and this little bit really makes a huge difference. Well, the SGA thought that we could try to do this on a larger scale and enable students to search for particular books they are looking for or to post a book that they just finished using. On December 1, Bookswap will premiere and be ready for you to use!

The Bookswap design has be purposely prepared to be very user friendly. The first thing one must do is go to the SGA website at www.loyola.edu/sga and click on the Bookswap link. The first time you enter the site, you must register. This involves providing your name, Loyola student ID number and email address. After registering, students have the option of posting or searching for textbooks. Posting a textbook involves filling in a small amount of information, including ISBN, title, author, and price that allows other students to find the textbook easily. Your contact information is automatically inserted from the information you provided during registration. When searching for a textbook, you can find one using an ISBN number, author name and/or title. After you have found a book, the service provides you with the contact information of the seller as well as the price for which the seller is asking.

When Bookswap was first introduced last year, it was very successful and many people made a lot of money. When Molly Vannucci, a sophomore at the time, heard about Bookswap, she was anxious to try it herself. Molly posted two different books and they both sold relatively quickly. Molly made about 66% back on the original price of the book, an amount that was definitely higher than a price she would have received otherwise. "It was definitely good to have some extra cash in my pocket at the end of the semester," Molly says.

Bookswap offers an important alternative to students. Instead of only having one option, students now have a choice as to how they wish to sell their books back. Our hope is that more students will use this great service and at least give it a try and see how easy it is to make more money. "My one hope for Bookswap is that more people will make use of it and have as great as an experience as I did," Molly says.

If you have any questions about Bookswap, or would like more information, please feel free to contact Pete Zebrowski at pzebrowski@loyola.edu or Katie Vannucci at kvannucci@loyola.edu. And look for Bookswap starting December 1!

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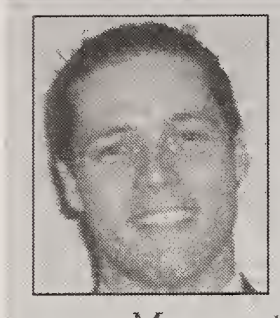
SGA Members of the Month



JOE SPAUSE

My name is Joseph Spause and I was just recently appointed as the SGA Vice-President position. I am honored to be a part of the SGA and to represent the student body. I am looking forward to making the rest of this year as productive as possible by representing the needs and wants of the students to the highest extent that my position allows.

Currently, I am working on several projects to try and build traditions within our community. One of the most important projects I can think of is a "spirit committee" that will work on multiple projects to improve school spirit by creating activities and events that will work to bring the school together and form traditions that can be carried on for years to come. I would like to personally extend an offer to everyone in the student body to bring their concerns to the table and I will do my best to work with them all. I was put in this position to represent the students and my goal for the year is to do just that by creating an atmosphere of tradition and a strong community oriented student body which will inevitably lead the way for future generations of Loyola College.

I would just like to say thank you to everyone for all the congratulations and kind words that have been extended to me and I am excited to make all of these thoughts of school unity and spirit a reality.

CLASS PRESIDENT UPDATES

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First of all I just want to say that our freshman t-shirts are the best FFC t-shirts ever. If you haven't picked yours up yet, DO IT, THEY ROCK! Also, you all have probably heard about the Freshman Advisory Board-(FAB). This group is going to aid the President and Assembly in letting us know what you want us to do this year. The first meeting is Dec. 3rd in KH B02, and oh yes, there will be free snacks there. "But wait! There's more!" the Freshman SGA is planning a BBQ for freshman to take place in the Hopkins Courtyard. It will be FREE…look for details coming very soon. Anyway, we (the freshman SGA) have been working like dogs to make sure this year is going to be awesome… and it has been so far! Thanks Guys!

-Blair Puscas

The Sophomore Soapbox

The Sophomore Assembly and the Center of Values and Service have a been busily working on Presence for Christmas. It is a project done every year to give over 200 needy children in Baltimore gifts, over 100 families Christmas dinner and gifts for all, and provide two agencies in the Baltimore with 50-60 gifts for their gift "superstores." Please if interested contact either Rodney Parker at rparker1@loyola.edu or I at jwdavis1@loyola.edu. Please come to Lessons and Carols on Dec. 5 at 5pm to drop off your gifts and celebrate the Christmas spirit.

I would like to thank all you for coming out to a great game on Friday, the 14th to watch a football match of the classes. It is one of our biggest school pride events and it is awesome to see everyone showing LOYOLA PRIDE!

Oh, and sophomores, there are big projects in the planning for spring so be ready. Finish this semester off with a bang and the next will be even crazier.

-Jill Davis

Hey Juniors-

The semester is almost over, and I can't believe how fast it's gone. Everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas break, but time off from school isn't the only thing to get excited about. I think I speak for everyone when I say how pumped I am to see those of my friends that have been abroad for the fall. And for those of you leaving us for the spring semester, you'll certainly be missing an incredible end to our junior year, but the experience ahead of you will be amazing. Some things that are on the table for the end of this semester and the spring include the 3rd Annual Pong Tournament November 20th in McGuire Hall. The first 100 people to show get free t-shirts, and the winners take home special prizes including a trophy and a Loyola Pong Champion's banner. For those of you who like to plan ahead, be sure to save Friday, April 16th on your calendars—the night of the Junior Class Formal down at the Marriot in the Inner Harbor.

Like always, we are toying around with additional ideas for class events and apparel, so drop an email if you have something in mind. For those of you who didn't get a chance to buy class FFC shirts or mesh trucker hats, they are still on sale in Student Activities. Thanks to all who played in and came out to support the FFC. It was a great success and it couldn't have been without your help. Good luck as the semester winds down.

-Mark Pawloski

Hey Seniors,

With the FFC and Senior 200's behind us it's kind of hard to face the fact that we're well past the halfway point of this semester. I know I was a little nostalgic in last month's newsletter so I'm going to stay away from that here. Instead I'm going to look ahead.

I've always felt that spring semesters are more fun at Loyola, especially since it starts to get nice out towards the end instead of starting to get cold like it does in the fall. The fun of spring may be somewhat overshadowed by what happens in May but I think it promises

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Getting To Know An Administrator

Xavier Cole

Position: Assistant to the Dean of Students

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Xavier Cole first came to Loyola in 1995 straight out of Graduate School at Miami University in Ohio. Since he began his work here over six years ago, Mr. Cole taken on many different titles and responsibilities. When he first arrived at Loyola, Mr. Cole served as an Assistant Director in Student Life before being promoted to full Director in his fourth year. After a one year leave of absence in Minnesota, Mr. Cole returned to Loyola in large part because he missed both the place, and more importantly the people, that he had met and become accustomed to. For the past, three years, he has served as the Assistant to the Dean of Students, a diverse and challenging role in which he find himself dealing with every aspect of the college experience both inside and outside the classroom.

On any given day Mr. Cole can find himself thrown into any situation imaginable. As Assistant to the Dean, Mr. Cole might have to field call from a parent about an appeal on the College Board of Discipline or talk to a neighbor concerned about the off-campus student behavior. This second issue, off campus policy and community/student interaction, is one that Mr. Cole spent a lot of time on during his first two years at Loyola and has been recently revisiting. He feels that students have so much to offer that they should be able to enhance rather than disrupt the surrounding areas. In this arena, his main goal is to help students understand how they can be a better part of the community and to organize effective forums and events for positive community and student interations.

In addition to these responsibilities, Mr. Cole also acts as the main lesion for the Dean of Students and thus can be called upon to represent her at a variety of administrative meetings ranging from Academic Senate to Loyola Conference. Much of Mr. Cole's job is about prioritizing, on any given day uncountable crises might occur and he must be ready to deal with anything and everything that pops-up.

In the midst of all this variety and unpredictability however, Mr. Cole does have one constant, his commitment to diversity at Loyola. In recent years especially, Mr. Cole has been charged with helping to lead the push to diversify Loyola in a variety of venues from academics and admissions to general thought and a greater sense of awareness. To these ends, he is in charge of overseeing ALANA Services, works extensively on diversity and leadership training for a variety of student groups on campus and serves as a resource to incoming students of color and their families. Most recently, he organized an internship workshop geared toward students of color and focused on pushing them to go to graduate school and to obtain terminal degrees. It is these projects that Mr. Cole views as the greatest change that he has seen in his time here at Loyola. He feels that the intentional focus on integrating diversity into all parts of the college is essential to providing our students with knowledge of the richness in culture that exists in the world beyond Loyola and preparing them for all the lies ahead. The values of diversity correspond directly with our Jesuit Ideals and are essential to producing well-rounded graduates.

Although Mr. Cole has seen progress recently, he also views diversity as the thing that most needs to improve at Loyola. He feels that we are in the beginning stages but still have a very long way to go. There must be a buy in by all facets of the college in order for diversity to truly take root. Upcoming programming such as Erase the Hate Week and the Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium are all wonderful steps but the real challenge must be to put diversity at the core and change our current climate. Mr. Cole's personal goal in this quest is to impact the hearts and minds of students concerning diversity, should this be accomplished he feels that he will have really achieved something special.

Mr. Cole first came to Loyola after talking with a friend whom he admired as someone committed to service, justice and to being a strong and civic-minded person. He asked the friend, a recent graduate of Fairfield University, where he had gained these skills and was advised to look into Jesuit Education. Mr. Cole sights his move to come to Loyola as the best decision he has made both personally and professionally. During his tenure, Mr. Cole's friendly, comedic demeanor has earned him a wonderful reputation among students as a person committed to the success of Loyola and every student in his charge. In Xavier Cole, Loyola is truly lucky to have an administrator so happy to be here and so passionate about a subject that affects us all.

written by Kelly Crossett

CLUB spotlights • • • •

Operation Smile

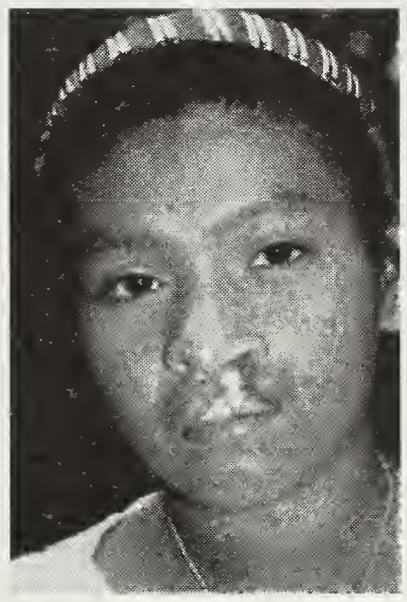
Operation Smile is a private, not-for-profit volunteer medical services organization providing reconstructive surgery and related health care to indigent children and young adults in developing countries and the United States. Operation Smile provides education and training around the world to physicians and other health care professionals to achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Operation Smile brings together health professionals with the public and private sectors to provide voluntary care to improve the quality of life for the children, families, and communities that share in the Operation Smile experience. By creating international partnerships, Operation Smile builds trust, bridges cultures and bestows dignity at home and abroad. (www.operationsmile.com)

Loyola's Operation Smile is one of the many chapters of Operation Smile nationwide. This club will get students involved with world wide health affairs. The helping of the underprivileged is everything that a Jesuit College stands for.

Seeing the difference that this club can make in the life of a child that was born with a facial deformity is unbelievable. They gain a completely new outlook on life.

In its first year at Loyola Operation Smile plans to become a big contributor to the overall club with the support of the Loyola community.

For more information or to join email Glenn Haas at grhaas@loyola.edu.



Demetria before and Demetria after reconstructive surgery performed by Operation Smile.

Toastmasters International

Are you an effective communicator? Do you want to improve your public speaking skills? Need an excellent resume builder? Then join Toastmasters – the only club that focuses on improving you!

Toastmasters International is a world-renowned organization known for developing communication skills among professionals. The Toastmasters International holds several core values, such as integrity, dedication to excellence, service to the member, and respect for the individual, in high regard and uses them as a guide in all their planning and operations. The core values of our organization are mirrored the Jesuit Core Values, making Toastmasters a perfect fit for Loyola. According to the group's website, "The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth."

During our Loyola Chapter meetings, we strive to follow this mission. Our members give short impromptu talks and longer speeches that are evaluated by the group. The environment is casual with structured meetings that run about an hour. Toastmasters is preferable for business and communications majors, but anyone (students and faculty) are encouraged to join. We invite you to come to the meetings on Monday, November 24th and Thursday, December 4th at 8pm in the Sellinger Hall Atrium or feel free to contact Sophia Sleme, President, if you have any further questions.

SGA Members of the Month

My name is Andy Kearney, and I am honored to be serving as the Director of Social Affairs for the SGA for the second year in a row. My job consists of booking concerts and comedians like Stephen Lynch and the Roots, running event like last week's Fall Football Classic, and trying to find cool new events and programs to start here at Loyola.

With the fall semester winding down the SGA is starting to look to the spring and is hoping to introduce some new social programs leading up to Loyolapalooza. Look for Welcome Back Weekend in the first weeks of 2nd semester, and the Battle of the Bands after spring break in addition to some new programs including student band features.

If you would like to get involved in planning, and running events like the Roots, FFC and Loyolapalooza join the Social Action committee. We will be having monthly meetings starting after thanksgiving to work on existing events and to try and develop some new ones for spring semester.

(Above) The Freshman Class of '07 beat the Sophomore Class of '06 at Friday's Fall Football Classic 26-18. (Right Below) The Polytechnical High School's Marching Band entertained the crowd with a spectacular half time show.

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to be one of my best semesters here and hopefully it'll be one of yours. I just want to run through a few of the things your Senior SGA has planned for this spring. First and most importantly we have Senior 100's and Senior 50's (maybe an 80's night in there somewhere!). Then there are some smaller events like Senior Wine Tasting, the Wing Bowl (vs. the Juniors), and probably some other stuff we think of along the way. Then there's Senior Week in May but that's too far away and scary to discuss right now. Anyway, if you happen to have any ideas for some other little stuff we can do along the way shoot me an e-mail at era@loyola.edu.

Have a great Thanksgiving Break, use the time to relax and get some rest. See you around.

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Loyola offers students a variety of clubs and organizations in which to get involved. This list presented here is just a taste of the variety of clubs. The complete list is available at http://www.loyola.edu/campuslife/studentactivitiesandorganizations/clubs.html. Also, if you are interested in club or intramural sports, please check out the Rec Sports webpage at www.loyola.edu/recsports.

Amnesty International
Black Students' Association
Boxing Club
Christian Fellowship (LCF/IVCF)
Community Service Council
Commuter Students' Association
Dance Company
Evergreens (Freshmen Orientation Staff)
Evergreen Annual (yearbook)
Evergreen Players
Golf Club
Greyhound (newspaper)
Hispanic Club
International Students' Association
Ju-Jitsu Club
JUSTICE
Loyola College Belles
Loyola College Chapel Choir
Loyola College Chimes
Loyola College Gospel Choir
Loyola College Jazz Ensemble
More of the Best
Operation Smile
Peer Educators
Pocket Billiards Club
Resident Affairs Council (RAC)
Roots & Shoots
Snowboarding & Skiing Club
Spirit Committee
Student Ambassadors
Student Government Association (SGA)
Spectrum (GLBT Support and Awareness)
The Greyhound Network (TGN 70)
Toastmasters International
WLOY (radio station)

LOYOLA COLLEGE recycles!

How Recycling Works at Loyola College

1. **Drop recyclables in the appropriate container**
   ***paper or *commingled (cans & bottles)**
2. **Environmental services technicians empty the containers into clear plastic bags.**
3. **Those bags are picked up at a central location near the building by the Grounds trash truck along with trash in black bags.**
4. **Recyclables are separated from the trash and placed in the proper recycling dumpster up at physical plant.**
5. **The recycling dumpsters are picked up by the trash hauling company BFI and taken to the recycling center.**

PAPER RECYCLING AT LOYOLA COLLEGE

YES

ALL Clean paper
ALL White paper
ALL Colored paper
Glossy paper
Greeting cards
Newspaper
Magazines
Legal Pads
Receipts
Post-it notes
Booklets w/ wire binding
Corrugated boxes
Mail
Time cards

Envelopes w/ labels & windows
Hard cover books (under 1")
Folders (Manila, colored, brown, goldenrod, w/plastic tabs etc)
& more… visit www.loyola.edu/recycling

DO NOT HAVE TO BE REMOVED
*Paper Clips*Staples*Tape
*Adhesive*Plastic tabs
*Wire spirals

NO

NO
Candy Wrappers
Wax coated Cups
Wallpaper
Waxed paper
Napkins
Toilet paper
Styrofoam
Photos

NO
Lunch bags
Copy paper wrappers
Overnight envelopes
Carbon paper
3 ring binders
Food covered plates
Hard cover books (over 1" thick)

NO Contaminated material!

RAC Week

December 1st-8th

Monday, December 1st
Candy Grams will be sold 11am-2pm outside of Boulder
"Send your friend a little something special…and be sure to say hi to our special guest!"

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, 9-11pm, Reading Room
"Everyone loves Chevy Chase! Join us for the movie and some snacks as we kick off the start of RAC Week!"

Tuesday, December 2nd
Candy Grams will be sold 11am-2pm outside of Boulder
"Send your friend a little something special…and be sure to say hi to our special guest!"

Wednesday, December 3rd
Candy Grams will be sold 11am-2pm outside of Boulder
"Send your friend a little something special…and be sure to say hi to our special guest!"

A Christmas Carol at Ford's Theater in DC, 5pm, Jenkins lot. Tickets are $20 (best seats in the house!) and are available Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday outside of Boulder from 11am-2pm.

Thursday, December 4th
Candy Grams will be sold 11am-2pm outside of Boulder
"Send your friend a little something special…and be sure to say hi to our special guest!"

Coffeehouse, 9pm, Reading Room
"Come hear some of our very own Loyola talent singing the tunes of the season."

Friday, December 5th
Housekeeping Luncheon, 12-1pm, McGuire
"A nice way to say thank you to those who work so hard for us."

Saturday, December 6th
Miracle on 34th Street. Shuttles leave Newtown Towers at 8pm; tickets are $5 and available through the Office of Student Activities, 3rd Floor Student Center.
"Get a glimpse of the most elaborate holiday decorating Maryland has to offer. Hang around after for ice-skating downtown."

Sunday, December 7th
Shopping at Arundel Mills Mall, 11am-5pm, Jenkins lot. Sign up Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday outside of Boulder from 11am-2pm.
"Do all your holiday shopping at one of the biggest and best malls around."

Monday, December 8th
Loyola Men's Basketball v. St. Peter's, 7:30pm, Reitz Arena.